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The City of Cleveland continues to take numerous precautions across multiple departments and divisions amid increasing cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Below are some important updates. **Mayor Frank G. Jackson signed an order on April 29, 2021 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through May 31, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

HUD Awards Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and City Of Cleveland \$35 Million Choice Neighborhood Grant

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a \$35 million dollar Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) and the City of Cleveland for its Buckeye/Woodhill Transformation Plan. CMHA together with the City of Cleveland, The Community Builders (TCB), City Architecture, Case Western Reserve University, Burten, Bell, Carr Development and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, is leading a major transformation of Woodhill Homes and the surrounding Buckeye-Woodhill community.

"As part of my Neighborhood Transformation Initiative, our goal has been to transform and revitalize the Buckeye-Woodhill community in a way that prioritizes the needs, concerns and vision of its current residents," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "The Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant ensures our city, partners and residents can continue the important work of making equitable neighborhood development a reality in Cleveland neighborhoods. This grant is a testament to the hard work and dedication of residents in the Buckeye-Woodhill community, working with the support of both CMHA and Councilmember Griffin. We appreciate their collaboration throughout this process and moving forward. I thank President Biden and Secretary Fudge for entrusting Cleveland with this important award. "

Shaped by the vision and priorities of current residents, this Transformation Plan includes new housing, streets, public space, and programming for a thriving community. The Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant awarded to CMHA and the City of Cleveland will serve as a catalyst to build out a comprehensive mixed income community valued as envisioned through three years of intensive community planning.

The highly competitive grant process concluded with CMHA and the City selected for an award from a pool of 20 applications across the country. After just missing an award as a finalist last

year, the team redoubled efforts to improve the plan by enhancing the housing development plans and increasing the focus on resident and community outcomes.

“The project team lead by CMHA, the City of Cleveland, and The Community Builders collaborated with a host of residents, community leaders, educational and philanthropic institutions as well as non-profit organizations to continue to keep the project moving ahead despite not receiving the implementation grant award in 2020,” said CMHA CEO Jeffery K. Patterson. “The resiliency and dedication of the members of this community along with the hard work, passion, and commitment to transform this community by partners and residents alike is what helped make this Choice Implementation grant award a reality.”

The Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant focuses on three critical areas in relation to neighborhood revitalization:

- Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood;
- People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children’s education; and
- Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families’ choices about their community.

Buckeye-Woodhill’s location is advantageous with strong historic assets and recent investments. Over the past ten years, the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood has experienced more than \$113 million in new investments from the public and private sector. This includes new housing, public art, parks and green spaces, housing rehabilitation, transportation improvements, a youth workforce program and much more.

“Together, we will continue to build on the collaborative leadership model between the residents, CMHA, TCB and our stakeholders to transform our community,” said Councilman Blaine Griffin, who represents and lives in the neighborhood. “We want to be a model of how to do 21st century urban revitalization. I will always remember this moment as a day we got the necessary support to transform our community and help people who need it the most.”

With catalytic funding from the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant, the Neighborhood Transformation Plan will be implemented over the next several years. The City of Cleveland has committed additional funding through the Mayor’s Neighborhood Transformation Initiative for infrastructure, home repair programs, and economic development initiatives. CMHA, TCB, and City Architecture are completing the design of the first two phases of new housing to replace Woodhill Homes, with the intention of breaking ground later this year.

Feast of the Assumption Celebration Returns in 2021

The tradition of the Feast of the Assumption will resume this August, with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place. This annual tradition brings together many in Northeast Ohio as well as visitors from around the country who return each year to celebrate the Assumption.

“For more than 120 years, Holy Rosary Parish’s Feast of the Assumption celebration has been a time for families to come together to honor and commemorate their rich cultural heritage,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “This year, we look forward to joining the Little Italy community and our Italian-American residents in celebration of this long-standing tradition.”

“With gratitude to God’s Providence and for all those who have worked to bring us through the pandemic, which we pray will soon completely end, we remember and pray for all those who have died, lost loved ones or have been affected by COVID-19,” said Fr. Joseph Previte of Holy Rosary Parish in Little Italy. “We look forward to celebrating this solemnity and parish tradition in 2021 with a profound sense of gratitude.”

“I am extremely excited to join Father Joe, Holy Rosary Parish, the Little Italy community and Italian-Americans throughout the region in bringing back this traditional celebration,” said Ward 6 Councilman Blaine Griffin. “I look forward to having a safe, healthy and enjoyable Feast of the Assumption.”

Task Force Efforts Result in Arrests, Confiscation of Firearms and Narcotics

The Cleveland Division of Police is currently operating an initiative of focused enforcement throughout the City of Cleveland in an effort to reduce violent crime, homicides and gun violence. All 5 Neighborhood Cleveland Division of Police Districts’ Vice Units and Basic Patrol, along with the Gang Impact Unit, the Neighborhood Impact Community Engagement Unit (N.I.C.E.) and the Bureau of Traffic are working with the Division’s Real Time Crime Center and the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center on this operation. The Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department, Ohio Investigative Unit and Ohio State Highway Patrol have also supported the Division of Police.

So far, the initiative has resulted in the confiscation of 55 firearms and the arrests of 64 individuals for violent crimes including felonious assault and homicide. In addition, officers have confiscated large quantities of narcotics including marijuana, fentanyl, oxycodone, cocaine and heroin. This initiative will continue throughout the months to come. The residents of and visitors to the City of Cleveland are key to this important operation. Citizens are reminded to report criminal or suspicious activity to law enforcement. Crime tips can be submitted anonymously via Crimestoppers of Cuyahoga County, Inc. by calling 216-25-CRIME

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Prepares for 100 Days of Summer

As Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) approaches one of the busiest seasons of the year, here is important information for travelers during the ‘100 days of summer.’

As CLE continues to recover in passenger activity from the severe decline from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is important for passengers to remember to still arrive early for their flight. This summer from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend CLE anticipates more than 2 million guests. By comparison, last summer CLE had approximately 900,000 passengers during the same timeframe. The 2 million passengers expected in 2021 is 63% of the same timeframe from 2019 where 3,170,000 passengers travelled through CLE.

The airport and its partners are well-poised for the increased number of travelers and offer the following travel tips.

Travel Tips

Federal law requires wearing a mask at all times in and on the airport and failure to comply may result in removal and denial of re-entry. Refusing to wear a mask in or on the airport is a violation of federal law; individuals may be subject to penalties under federal law. This mandate will be in place until September 13, 2021.

Airport officials encourage travelers to arrive at least 2 hours before scheduled departures to allow time for inclement weather, traffic, parking, check-in and going through the checkpoints. Please

look for signs and Landside Operations employees are available to help passengers find where they need to go.

CLE's web site is a one-stop shop for travel information. Visit the website at www.clevelandairport.com to check the following:

- Flight statuses
- Airline contact information
- Dining and retail options
- Art exhibit locations
- Current TSA Checkpoint wait times
- Status of airport parking entities

CLE continues to sanitize and disinfect high traffic areas at the airport multiple times daily. Airport staff has developed and deployed sprayers that apply product in an effort to rapidly sanitize and disinfect large and high traffic areas at the Airport. CLE has installed shields at information counter and police podiums. To assist our guests with social distancing, stickers have been placed around the facility to remind everyone to stay 6 feet apart. CLE has also designated line overflow locations on ticketing to maintain social distancing at peak travel times.

Follow CLE on Twitter at @GoingPlacesCLE and on Facebook at facebook.com/CLEairport for important announcements.

Consider using an airline's website to do advance check-in to print boarding passes up to 24 hours before departure.

There are six separate on-site parking options, including:

- The Smart Parking Garage, \$20 per day.
- The Red Lot, \$18 per day.
- The Blue Lot, \$16 per day
- The Orange Lot, \$15 per day.

Picking up friends and family at the airport? Don't circle around waiting for an arrival. Park and wait in the CLE Cell Phone Lot located off State Road 237 South. Follow the blue directional signs for easy parking.

RTA Red Line to the airport

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) offers convenient service to and from CLE. RTA's Red Line provides regular service between CLE and downtown Cleveland via the Tower City Station. The trip takes less than 30 minutes and trains depart from CLE every 25 minutes for the majority of the day.

For more information, visit the RTA web site at www.riderta.com or call The RTAanswerline at 216-621-9500.

TSA travel tips

Always have a government-issued ID ready to present at the airline ticket counter and security checkpoint. CLE's Checkpoint Wait Times feature allows travelers to select the shortest security line or view the expected wait time at the closest checkpoint line. This amenity is also available on our website, www.clevelandairport.com.

Be prepared for the screening process:

- Look through luggage to ensure no prohibited items are in the bag prior to coming to the airport.
- All three CLE checkpoints have Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) machines for passenger screening. Be prepared for metal detectors and x-ray machines for carry-on items.
- Remember the TSA 3-1-1 rule for carry-on items – Three ounces (3 oz.) per container, in a clear one-quart bag, one per passenger.
- Knives, scissors with pointed tips, pepper spray and other such items are prohibited as carry-on items. For a comprehensive list of banned and permitted items, visit the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Web site at www.tsa.gov.
- Carry-on luggage is restricted to one bag and one personal item per person. A personal item includes a purse, briefcase or laptop bag.
- Outer coats, jackets and other such garments must be removed and put through x-ray screening.
- Children under the age of 12 years old do not require an ID and will not have to remove their shoes before going through security.

TSA Pre✓™ is available at CLE and allows select frequent flyers of participating airlines and members of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Trusted Traveler programs who are flying on participating airlines, to receive expedited screening benefits. Eligible participants use dedicated screening lanes for screening benefits which include leaving on shoes, light outerwear and belts, as well as leaving laptops and 3-1-1 compliant liquids in carry-on bags. TSA Pre✓™ has one available lane at South Checkpoint during peak hours and Central is TSA Pre✓™ only.

For more information on TSA Pre✓™ visit <http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck>

Cleveland Police Officer Suspended Following Internal Investigation

Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard announces that a Cleveland Police Detective has been suspended without pay for ten (10) days following an internal investigation which began after it was discovered that he failed to properly investigate and/or complete multiple cases assigned to him.

Detective John Kraynik, 56, was hired in 1996. He is currently assigned to the Fourth District.

[Click here to read his suspension letter.](#)

Previous COVID-19 Updates from the City of Cleveland

[Click here to view previous updates.](#)

For more information about COVID-19, visit the following:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

- <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play, and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit www.clevelandohio.gov, or follow @CityofCleveland on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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